

Sandy newsletter

AUGUST 28, 2008

Balloon Festival in Sandy

Sandy celebrated the Second Annual Balloon Festival Aug. 8 and 9. The morning launches took place at Storm Mountain Park with the evening balloon "glow" and other festivities taking place Saturday night at the South Towne Promenade.

Hot air balloons are delicate and require very calm conditions in order to fly. Balloons depend on the different layers in the air in order to help "steer" the balloon. Friday's launch was hampered by strong winds with one successful balloon launch while the other balloons inflated

and remained on the ground.

Hundreds of residents woke up to a sky filled with hot air balloons on Saturday morning. The weather provided perfect conditions and the balloons floated in the sky for almost an hour with two of the balloons returning to land in Storm Mountain Park.

Participants in the balloon "glow" were not able to inflate the balloons due to severe wind that can cause damage to the balloons.

Sandy is also hosting a photo contest from the balloon festival with prizes ranging from \$25 to \$75. The deadline for entry is Sept. 1. Entries can be submitted online at www.sandy.utah.gov/balloonfest.

Weather conditions were perfect for the balloon launch at Storm Mountain Park on Saturday, Aug. 9.

Safety Message from the Police Chief: Give Cyclists Three Feet



One of the major concerns for bicycles is safety and part of the responsibility of the police department is to increase awareness of traffic laws concerning both cyclists and motorists.

In an effort to conserve gasoline, more individuals are using bicycles for transportation whenever possible. It's not only a great way to help conserve on fuel, and incorporate a healthier lifestyle, but it's a great recreational sport. One of the major concerns for the sport is safety. Part of the responsibility of the police department is to increase awareness of traffic laws concerning both cyclists and motorists.

I received a letter from a cyclist who was recently injured by a passing motorist. She is an avid cyclist and stated that she has never met a rider that has not had things thrown at them or had an incident where a vehicle has come extremely close to them for no

apparent reason.

The law says motorists are to operate a vehicle within a reasonable and safe distance from the bicycle. In 2008, Sandy police officers have responded to 11 traffic accidents involving bicycles with a total of 86 accidents since 2005. Fortunately, there have been no fatalities during this period and our goal is to decrease the number of accidents seen on an annual basis.

I strongly urge that as a community we work together to be more aware when driving and to remember the "Three Foot Rule" and give cyclists three feet of space whenever possible. I also urge cyclists to be cautious and

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